

Iron County Register.

By ELI D. AKE.

IRONTON, : : : MISSOURI

Dora Meek, the sleeping girl of Centralia, Ill., passed the one hundredth day of her sleep, on the 6th.

Adolphus Busch, the brewer, subscribed \$50,000, on the 8th, toward the erection of a new hotel in St. Louis.

An average of more than ten deaths daily from the plague is recorded at Mazatlan, Mexico, and the lazaretto is full of patients.

President Jacob G. Sherman, of Cornell university, will address the students of the University of Missouri, at Columbia, January 12.

Senator McLaurin, of Mississippi, called on Postmaster-General Payne, on the 8th, and urged him to reopen the post office at Indianapolis, Miss.

Andrew McWilliams, one of the junior partners of Andrew Carnegie, was struck and killed by a railroad engine at Pittsburg, Pa., on the 9th.

A bill was introduced in congress, on the 25th, to restore the sale of malt beverages and wines to soldiers on army transports and post exchanges.

In his message to the legislature, on the 6th, Gov. Stone of Pennsylvania said the coal strike had cost the people of that state more than \$1,000,000.

Admiral Dewey left San Juan, P. R., on the 9th, for a cruise along the coast of San Domingo, Hayti, and Cuba, and will return to Washington on the 17th.

Six hundred people sat down to a banquet in Berlin, on the night of the 8th, at which the dishes consisted entirely of horse meat prepared in various forms.

Representative Thomas Crow and wife had a narrow escape from being suffocated by escaping gas in their room at Jefferson City, Mo., on the night of the 5th.

The Pioneer Reserve association of Bloomington and the Loyal Americans of Springfield, fraternal insurance associations, consolidated their organizations, on the 9th.

Cole Younger made application to the Minnesota state board of pardons, on the 6th, for a full pardon, the purpose being to enable him to return to his old home in Missouri.

At a cabinet meeting at Washington, on the 9th, it was decided that the resignation of Mrs. Minnie Cox, the colored postmaster at Indianapolis, Miss., would not be accepted.

G. W. Putnam, aged 84, appointed a postal clerk during the administration of President Lincoln, which office he held continuously since, died at Westfield, N. Y., on the 9th.

R. C. Kerens received the caucus nomination of the republican members of the Missouri legislature, on the 7th, for United States senator, by a vote of 35 to 33 for Charles Nagle.

Col. Henry C. Forbes, librarian of the Illinois state library of natural history, died at his home in Urbana, on the 5th. He commanded the Seventh Illinois cavalry in the civil war.

Clarence Rein, of New Orleans, was arrested at San Francisco, on the 9th, on a charge of aiding in swindling the Western Union Telegraph Co. out of about \$20,000, to which he confessed.

By a decision of the supreme court of Nebraska, on the 7th, the bondsman of former State Treasurer Bartley, who embezzled nearly \$750,000 from the state, were released from all liability.

The driver of a mail wagon was arrested in New York, on the 8th, having in his possession checks to the value of more than a thousand dollars, which it is charged he stole from mail bags.

Gov. Nash, of Ohio, issued a proclamation, on the 9th, calling on the people of Ohio to observe January 29, the sixtieth anniversary of the late President McKinley's birth, with suitable exercises.

The caucus of democratic members of the Missouri legislature, at Jefferson City, on the 8th, nominated William J. Stone by acclamation for United States senator to succeed Hon. George G. Vest.

Gen. A. B. Leeper, publisher of "The Lunatic Herald," at Pana, Ill., was adjudged insane, on the 8th, and taken to the asylum at Jacksonville, where he had been confined on the same charge eight times previously.

The effects of the blizzard that raged in the northwest on the 6th were felt in Kentucky, Tennessee, Arkansas, Louisiana and Texas, on the 7th, high winds and cold weather prevailing throughout those states.

Dr. J. T. McFarland, pastor of a church at Topeka, Kas., severely scored a judge in court, on the 9th, for a fine that had been imposed on Mrs. Carrie Nation, and the judge fined the pastor \$100 for contempt of court.

Prof. Robert Koch, the bacteriologist, sailed from Hamburg, Germany, on the 7th, for Rhodesia, to study the cattle plague for the Chartered South Africa Co., at a salary of \$350 per day, all expenses and two high-salaried doctors to assist him.

William P. Bradley, the aged multimillionaire, who married his private secretary, Miss Hannemeyer, at Milwaukee, Wis., on the 5th, died on the 7th, sitting in the same invalid chair in which he sat when the wedding ceremony was performed.

The Carnegie library building at Washington was dedicated, on the 7th, President Roosevelt, cabinet officers, members of congress and many other prominent people taking part. It is a beautiful white marble structure, for which Mr. Carnegie donated \$350,000.

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CURRENT TOPICS.

THE NEWS IN BRIEF.

FIFTY-SEVENTH CONGRESS.

(Second Session.)

In the senate, on the 5th, a discussion on the coal situation occupied the time until two o'clock. A number of bills on the subject were introduced, causing a lively debate. The omnibus stalled bill was taken up, Mr. Nelson (Minn.) speaking in opposition to it until four o'clock, when the senate adjourned. In the house, the senate adjourned. In the house, the senate adjourned.

In the senate, on the 6th, Senator Hoar (Maine) made a lengthy speech on his bill regulating trusts, and Senator Vest (Mo.) made an attack on industries protected by the Dingley law. Both speeches were warmly received. The omnibus stalled bill was taken up, Mr. Nelson (Minn.) speaking in opposition to it until four o'clock, when the senate adjourned.

In the senate, on the 7th, the bill for the reorganization of the militia and the stowaway bill were discussed. Mr. Aldrich (Ria.) speaking in opposition to the section of the army bill providing for a force of 100,000 men. Mr. Devereux (Ind.) spoke on the stalled bill. In the house, the senate adjourned.

In the senate, on the 8th, the Vest resolution, requesting the finance committee to report a bill removing the duty on an article of dress, was discussed. Mr. Aldrich and Mr. Vest taking part. The resolution went over until the next legislative day. Mr. Nelson continued his remarks against the omnibus stalled bill. A number of minor bills were passed.

The senate was not in session on the 9th. In the house 14 private pension bills were passed. Mr. Russell (Tex.) criticized the senate bill with which private pension bills were passed, and an extended debate followed. In the course of which it was shown that since the civil war 10,000 special bills had been passed by congress. Mr. Devereux (Ind.) was appointed to the conference committee on the anarchist bill to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Latham, of Texas.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

United States Vice and Deputy Consul-General Edward P. MacLean died of pneumonia, at Paris, on the 7th.

While prospecting for zinc and lead on the holdings of the Big Four Zinc mines south of Harrisburg, Ill., on the 8th, N. W. Ferguson struck a five-foot vein of the finest quality of plumbago.

An official of the United States Steel corporation reports that applications to the amount of 20,400 shares have thus far been made by over 12,000 employees who wish to avail themselves of the proposed profit-sharing plan. The dropping of a burning match into a vat of oil caused an explosion and fire in a large manufacturing plant in London, Ont., on the 9th, which resulted in a property loss of \$300,000.

Mrs. Anna T. Miller was convicted at Columbus, O., on the 9th, of using the United States mails in an attempt to blackmail prominent citizens, and sentenced to 15 months in the penitentiary.

By a decision of the Missouri supreme court, on the 9th, the sentence of death by the lower court on John Vinso was affirmed and he will be hanged at Pierce City February 13.

United States Ambassador Robert S. McCormick and wife arrived at St. Petersburg, on the 9th.

Engineer King, living at Mattoon, Ill., was badly hurt in a collision on the Big Four, near Moro, Ill., on the 9th.

Dr. G. F. Shoeny, a prominent physician of Medina, Ind., was burned to death by the upsetting of a lamp in his room at his boarding house, on the night of the 8th.

The Indiana state senate passed a bill, on the 9th, appropriating \$1,000 for a sword for Admiral Taylor, commander of the battleship Indiana at Santiago.

H. P. H. Bromwell, a member of congress from the Charleston (Ill.) district from 1865 to 1869, died at Denver, Col., on the 9th.

Emil Johnson shot and killed Miss Beena Benson, at Virginia, Minn., on the 9th, because she had refused to marry him.

Mgr. Falconio, papal delegate to the United States, called to pay his respects to President Roosevelt, on the 9th.

Capt. W. E. Gleason, of the Sixth infantry, U. S. A., died at Ft. Leavenworth, on the 9th, of pneumonia.

Louis Baldwin, a well-known minstrel and comedian, died at Bloomington, Ill., on the 9th.

The southwestern limited, west-bound, and the Cincinnati express, east-bound, on the Big Four, collided head-on, near Bethalto, Ill., on the night of the 9th. Both engines were probably fatally hurt and the fireman of the limited is missing, probably buried under the wreck. The passengers escaped with a severe shaking up.

Germany's choice of city for the Olympic games is St. Louis, not Chicago, and Dr. Gebhardt, head of the German section of the international committee, has so informed Baron Cornibert, head of the French section.

Alfred Beit, the South African financier, reputed to be the richest man in the world and one of the early developers of the Kimberly region, was reported to be dying at Johannesburg, South Africa, on the 9th, where he had been stricken with apoplexy. The offering of the administration anti-trust bill in the house, on the 8th, by Congressman Jenkins, was the occasion of much surprise and no little comment in administration circles, as well as among the members of the senate and house.

After occupying eight days, during which time they presented about 150 witnesses, the non-union men closed their case before the strike commission, at Philadelphia, on the 9th. The operators are now having an inning.

The Colonial house, ancient grist mill and barn, comprising the Curzon estate, widely known for their antiquity and as subjects for artists, were burned to the ground, on the 9th, at Newburyport, Mass. Artists from all parts of the country have visited the estate for study and sketching.

Henry Spelmire, a centenarian of Astor, Ore., has just passed away at the advanced age of 102 years. The old gentleman died of general debility. He was born in 1801, and is survived by one son, Frederick, a resident of St. Louis, who is 72 years of age.

The crusade against negro federal officeholders is spreading in Mississippi. White people have served notice on the postmaster at Jackson, Miss., that the employment of negro carriers on the star mail routes must be discontinued.

A tremendous stir was caused in Lincoln, Neb., on the night of the 8th, when Edward Rosewater, editor of the Omaha Bee, and retiring Gov. Savage almost came to blows while attending the reception to Gov. Hickey.

Mrs. Frank Le Grande, wife of an engine viper employed by the Southern Pacific company, at Nevada, Cal., has just received information confirming her right to a one-tenth interest in the estate of her grandmother in Holland, worth \$25,000,000.

LATE NEWS ITEMS.

A committee from the Grand Army of the Republic visited President Roosevelt and Postmaster-General Payne, on the 9th, in the interest of legislation in favor of veterans of the civil war in appointments, retentions or promotions in the public service over other persons.

The charred body of Mrs. Florine Henry, wife of Philip S. Henry, a wealthy coffee merchant, was found in the ruins of the family residence, in New York, which was destroyed by fire, on the 11th. A servant girl jumped from a fourth-story window and was killed.

The Filipino people are averse to Gov. Taft leaving the islands, and a great popular demonstration, in which 8,000 men marched, took place in Manila, on the 11th, with the object of inducing him to remain.

An engineer on the Knoxville & Ohio railroad was found dead in his cab, on the 11th, with his hand grasping the throttle, in which condition he had been sitting while the train ran a distance of eight miles.

A burglar who had stolen \$100 worth of jewelry at Council Bluffs, Ia., on the night of the 10th, emptied his revolver at two pursuing policemen and made his escape.

William D. Beckett, a prominent lawyer of Omaha, Neb., was found frozen to death on the roadside, five miles from the city, early on the morning of the 11th.

Eleven Chinamen were overcome by coal gas in a room in Providence, R. I., on the 11th, one of them being dead when found and two others in a critical condition.

The emigration from Germany last year amounted to 266,584 persons, an increase of 63,586 over 1901, the majority of them coming to the United States.

Very severe weather was experienced through the northwest, on the 11th, the thermometer going down to eight below zero at Bismarck, N. D.

John R. Henderson, Jr., of New York, formerly of Missouri, and Miss Angelica Crosby are to be married at Charleston, W. Va., on February 12.

Lydia Dwyer, ten years old, suicided by poison at Ottumwa, Ia., on the 11th, because her mother would not let her play with other girls.

A five-foot vein of plumbago was discovered in Saline county, Ill., on the 11th.

In the senate, on the 12th, a lively debate occurred between Messrs. Aldrich, Vest and Carmack over an effort made by Mr. Aldrich to secure a postponement of the Vest resolution requiring the committee on finance to report a bill removing the duty on coal. Mr. Vest expressing the belief that to allow its postponement would mean its defeat. After a large number of private pension bills had been passed, the senate adjourned out of respect to the memory of the late Representative Tongue, of Oregon.

In the house a resolution was adopted to authorize the committee on merchant marine and fisheries to investigate the coal situation. No other business was transacted, the house adjourning out of respect to the memory of the late Representative Tongue, of Oregon.

Secretary of the Navy William H. Moody was seriously but not dangerously injured at the naval academy grounds, Annapolis, Md., on the 12th, by jumping from a carriage in which he was riding, the horses attached to which were running away at the time.

John Mitchell and other officials of the mine workers' union issued a circular, on the 12th, to the local unions, urging the members to exert themselves in every way to increase the output of coal in order to relieve the stringency of the market.

The coldest weather of the winter prevailed in many parts of the south on the 12th, but little suffering was reported, as the supply of fuel was generally sufficient to meet the demand.

A railroad train crashed into a sleigh at a grade crossing near Stafford, N. Y., on the 12th, killing one of its five occupants, injuring two fatally and two severely.

Ten full-blood Indians were arrested and placed in jail at South McAlester, I. T., on the 12th, on the charge of having killed Douglas Allen, a white hunter.

The New York tax assessment books, made public on the 12th, show that Andrew Carnegie leads the list of personal property assessments, with \$5,000,000.

There were six deaths from the plague at Mazatlan, Mexico, on the 11th, and eight on the 12th.

A landslide at Nan Kin, on the 12th, resulted in the drowning of 300 Chinamen.

MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

MISSOURI LEGISLATURE.

The Missouri legislature met on the 7th. The senate was called to order by Lieut. Gov. Lee. Rev. E. C. Hill, temporary chaplain, offered a prayer, the senators were sworn in, and the senate adjourned until Thursday out of respect for Gov. Dockery in his recent bereavement. The house temporary organization was affected by the election of Davidson, of Marion, as speaker. A. McBride, of Johnson county, as secretary, and John Green, of Cole county, as sergeant-at-arms.

Jefferson City, Mo., Jan. 8.—Both branches of the general assembly got in shape for work by electing permanent organizations, hearing the governor's message and clearing preliminaries away. In the senate, Lieut. Gov. Lee appointed a committee on rules, which met and decided to compel all senate committees to report measures at the end of ten days.

The nominees of the caucus for the various positions in the senate were presented, and the democratic slate went through intact, the republican nominees receiving the complimentary vote of the minority. A nineteen-man caucus was chosen president pro tem, and after taking the oath presided over the remainder of the session. The adjournment was taken Monday at three o'clock. A petition in the Parker-Kinney contest case was filed by Mr. Smith, of Jay. Six bills were introduced, three of them being the insurance bills adopted by the committee. The session of the senate, on the 9th, was a very brief one, lasting only 15 minutes. The adjournment was taken Monday at three o'clock. A petition in the Parker-Kinney contest case was filed by Mr. Smith, of Jay. Six bills were introduced, three of them being the insurance bills adopted by the committee.

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Mystery at Farmington.

Bill and Joe Jones, brothers, were arrested and lodged in jail at Farmington on a charge of killing Charlie Jennings on December 20, at what is known as the Crowley farm, two miles south of that city. Bill Jones married Mrs. Crowley about a month ago, her former husband, Sam Crowley, having been killed by Jennings on the night of November 1st last. Jennings was last seen late in the afternoon of December 20 going toward the Crowley farm, and no trace of him has been found. Mrs. Jennings reported his disappearance to Prosecuting Attorney Marbury, who set on foot the investigation that led to the arrest of the Jones brothers. The Jones brothers claim that just after dark on the night of December 20 they heard some one at the window and went out to investigate; that they saw some one near the house and fired eleven shots with a shotgun and Winchester rifle, but do not know if any of the shots took effect.

Two Crump boys, who were boarding with the Jones brothers, claim they heard some one say: "Oh, I'm killed!" Wagon tracks were found leading from the house to a deep hole in the St. Francois river, and it is believed that Jennings' body was thrown in the river. Officers are dragging the river for his body. The Jones boys deny having done anything with the body.

The supreme court has affirmed the decision of the lower court and sentenced John Vinso to be hanged in Lawrence county for the murder of William W. Ward. Vinso killed Ward by crushing his head with a stone in March, 1901, at Pierce City. The execution is set for February 13.

Death of a Well-Known Man.

Col. Thomas P. Hoy, a veteran of the Mexican and civil wars, passed away at Sedalia at the age of 79. He was a prominent democratic politician and was formerly probate judge.

Request to Masonic Home.

The will of W. H. Smith, a banker of Montevideo, who died recently, leaves his entire estate, valued at \$70,000, to the Missouri Masonic home after the death of his wife.

Plumbers' Demand Granted.

At a joint meeting of representatives of the master plumbers and journeymen in St. Louis the demand of the journeymen for a wage scale of \$3 a day was granted.

For the World's Fair.

St. Louis capitalists will undertake the solving of the problem of caring for the World's fair crowd by building two immense hotels at a cost of \$1,500,000 each.

Killed by His Father's Car.

The 11-year-old son of Motorman S. J. Bland was run over and killed by his father's car in front of the Bland residence in Nevada.

Quarryman Killed.

Andrew Declue, a quarryman, was instantly killed in a sand quarry at Pacific by a rock falling on his head. He was a single man.

Joined Salvation Army.

Thomas Punshon, who was convicted of wife murder, but pardoned by Gov. Dockery, joined the Salvation army in St. Joseph.

What Next?

William Parsons, of Galena, Kas., was arrested at Joplin, the other day, charged with stealing a tombstone from the former town.

His Last Drink.

Joseph Willis, a Macon negro, started in to see how much whisky he could drink. He swallowed three pints and died.

Whitcotton Again.

James H. Whitcotton is the speaker of the house of representatives for the second time, he having practically no opposition.

Found Dead in a Straw Stack.

Lewis J. Gordon's body was found in a straw stack near California. He committed suicide by swallowing carbolic acid.

Desmond-McLaughlin.

Chief of Detectives Desmond, St. Louis' noted thief-catcher, was married in that city to Miss Hannah McLaughlin.

Missouri State Press Association.

The annual meeting of the Missouri State Press association will be held at Columbia on January 22-23.

THE BIG FOUR ACCIDENT.

Two Passenger Trains Collide, Head On, While Running at High Speed.

FIREMAN KILLED, ENGINEER INJURED.

Strange to Relate, None of the Passengers Was Injured Beyond an Unconscious Shaking Up, the Coaches of Each Train Remaining on the Track.

St. Louis, Jan. 11.—Two St. Louis express trains on the Big Four railroad collided Friday night half a mile east of Bethalto, Ill., while running rapidly, and both engines were wrecked, killing one man and injuring two. The southwestern limited express, No. 11, westbound, was traveling in two sections, and the last section met the Cincinnati express, No. 36, out of St. Louis.

It is said that a train dispatcher forgot that No. 11 was in two sections, and wired a clear track for No. 36, but this matter has not been fully investigated.

The wreck occurred at 9:45 o'clock. Half a mile east of Bethalto is a bend in the road and a heavy grade sloping westward. The second section of No. 11, at the rate of about 60 miles an hour, was coming down the grade. Engineer Henry Hendricks supposed that he had a clear track, and was making time where he had the chance.

Going around the curve on its way to Cincinnati was the express which had left St. Louis an hour and 20 minutes before. This train was running at full speed.

Several baggage and mail cars were thrown into a ditch and piled up in a mass. The two engines jumped high into the air and fell to the earth shapeless masses of twisted steel.

One of the mail cars caught fire, but the uninjured members of the two crews and some sections hands who arrived put out the blaze.

The sleeping cars of the westbound train, which did not leave the track, were hauled to Litchfield by a freight engine, and were brought on to St. Louis over the Wabash tracks.

Thomas Corrigan, clerk in charge of one of the mail cars, was hurt internally. Engineer Hendricks, who lives at Mattoon, Ill., received a severe scalp wound and internal injuries. One of his ankles was broken.

His fireman, who was making his first trip on the road, was crushed under the wreck of the engines.

The two injured men were taken to St. Joseph's hospital in Alton. Dr. G. W. Hinchey, of Moro, attended the injured men at first. Not long afterward a special arrived from Alton, bearing Doctors T. Y. Yerkes, H. R. Lemen and Fisher to the scene of the wreck.

Engineer King of the eastbound train jumped when he saw that the collision was inevitable. He was not seriously injured.

The Wabash tracks were used after the wreck for Big Four trains to get around the obstruction.

WRECK AT THE TUNNEL.

Fatal Accident to the Fast Mail Train on the Pennsylvania Line at the St. Louis Tunnel.

St. Louis, Jan. 11.—One person was killed, another seriously scalded and a hundred more were severely shaken and badly frightened in a wreck caused by the derailment of an engine attached to the fast mail train of the Pennsylvania line Friday afternoon at the entrance to the terminal tunnel. The victims are: Oscar L. Meldrum, fireman of the train, head crushed and scalded from head to feet, died five hours after the accident, and William E. Young, engineer, scalded about hands, face and upper portion of the chest and shoulders.

A CORPSE AT THE THROTTLE.

A Railroad Engineer Found Dead in His Cab While the Train Was Running at Usual.

Knoxville, Tenn., Jan. 12.—Passengers on an incoming Knoxville & Ohio railroad train rode several miles Sunday afternoon with the hand of a corpse at the throttle of the engine. The train left Buckeye, Tenn., on time, and ran through Careyville, the next station. When Engineer A. C. Young ran through the latter town Fireman Matlock knew something was wrong and stepped to the engineer's side of the engine. He found Young dead, and immediately stopped the train. There is a wound on the left side of the engineer's head, and the supposition is that a piece of stone fell from the side of a high cut, through the mountains and killed him instantly. The train ran perhaps eight miles after Young was killed.

UNSURPASSED EXHIBITS.

The Principal Asiatic Countries Will Make Unsurpassed Exhibits at St. Louis.

Portland, Ore., Jan. 11.—The Oregonian publishes a Bombay cablegram from Commissioner John Barrett, of the Louisiana Purchase exposition, which states that the principal Asiatic countries will make unsurpassed exhibits at the St. Louis exposition and the Lewis and Clark centennial fair, which will be held in this city during the year 1905.

Refuses to Discuss the Matter.

Birmingham, Ala., Jan. 11.—Mrs. Minnie Cox, the Indianapolis, Miss., postmistress was shown the dispatch from Washington to-day saying that the cabinet had decided not to accept her resignation. She absolutely refused to discuss the matter.

Surrendered to the Authorities.

Shawnee, O., Jan. 11.—George Worthington, who shot and killed his brother Alex, the result of a quarrel over a poker game, and escaped, has surrendered to the authorities.

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI.

A Brief Review of the Progressive Development of the University of Missouri at Columbia.

St. Louis, Jan. 7.—The Globe-Democrat has this to say editorially on the development of the University of Missouri:

"Perhaps few citizens are aware of the full progressive development of the University of Missouri at Columbia. An intelligent comprehension of the great work already accomplished will give a clear idea of the next steps to be taken to place the university among the foremost institutions of the kind in the world. Since the first classes were formed sixty-one years ago the total of students has been 26,500 and the number of degrees conferred for work done reaches 2,859. The college of agriculture and mechanic arts and the school of mines and metallurgy date from 1870, the law department from 1872, the medical department from 1873 and the engineering department from 1877. In 1888 the experiment station authorized by congress was established and two years later the state military school was added. In the summer school for teachers the enrollment last year was nearly 1,200. The university exerts a powerful influence on the public school system through these teachers. But not alone in this way, for in seven years the six high schools preparing students to meet the entrance requirements have been increased to 113.

"Another fact not generally known is that the agricultural department of the university is practically one of the most successful in the world. Experience has shown that to create a working branch of this kind is one of the most difficult achievements in the whole range of collegiate effort. The University of Missouri teaches real farming on a scientific basis. For several years the experiment station has been actively dealing with such problems as wintering cattle and testing the comparative value of feeds. Recognizing the exceptional merit of the agricultural labor at the University of Missouri, the department at Washington is specially co-operating with it in the study of beef production, and has requested it to prepare a report on the subject. The government co-operation also extends to soil survey, irrigation and certain difficult points in applied botany. It is estimated that insects cost Missouri farmers